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Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis Recognizes **"El Día del Salvadoreño"**

WASHINGTON, DC- *Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis released the following statement honoring "El Día del Salvadoreño."*

"I would like to congratulate and recognize Salvadoran-Americans in California and in the United States for observing "*El Día del Salvadoreño*," which will be celebrated on Saturday, August 6th. It is a pleasure to see Salvadoran-Americans' desire to continue maintaining their culture and participating in community events like *El Día del Salvadoreño*.

"Forty years of internal political turmoil forced many individuals from the Republic of El Salvador to flee the country and seek peace and security in the United States. Currently, there are over 900,000 Salvadoran-Americans living in the United States with the majority of them living in California, the Washington, DC metropolitan area and New York. Roughly 400,000 Salvadoran-Americans call the Los Angeles metropolitan area their home."

"As a member of the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation and the first and only member of Congress of Central American descent, I am proud to celebrate and applaud all Salvadorans in my district in this joyous day."

"In California, the state with the largest population of Salvadoran-Americans, *El Día del Salvadoreño* is widely celebrated among the Latino community. This celebration pays homage to the cultural festivities of El Salvador while adapting itself to the lives of Salvadorans in the United States. Celebrated by Salvadoran-Americans in California and throughout our country, Salvadoran-American Day has grown in significance over the years. That is why I am proud to say that I am working on and will introduce a bill supporting the goals and ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day (*El Día del Salvadoreño*) in recognition of all Salvadoran-Americans for their hard work, dedication and contribution to the stability and well-being of the United States."

"Our nation was built by people from many nations and cultures whose lives and work have contributed to the greatness of our nation. Likewise, we must recognize the efforts of Salvadoran-Americans for their cultural and economic contributions to the United States and support the ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day."

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